

Minutes

Meeting name	Full Council
Date	Tuesday, 16 May 2017
Start time	7.00 pm
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray LE13 1GH

Present:

Chair Councillor T. Bains (Chair)

Councillors	P. Baguley	P. Chandler (Vice-Chair)
	T. Beaken	M. Blase
	P. Cumbers	J. Douglas
	P. Faulkner	A. Freer-Jones
	M. Graham	T. Greenow
	E. Holmes	E. Hutchison
	J. Illingworth	S. Lumley
	J. Orson	A. Pearson
	P. Posnett	B. Rhodes
	M. Sheldon	J. Simpson
	D. Wright	J. Wyatt

Officers Chief Executive
Strategic Director (KA)
Head of Central Services
Head of Communications & Monitoring Officer
Democracy & Involvement Officer

The Reverend Kevin Ashby offered prayers.

Minute No.	Minute
CO1	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Botterill, de Burle, Glancy, and Higgins. Councillor Greenow apologised for his late arrival. Councillor Hurrell was not present.</p>
CO2	<p>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS</p> <p>The Outgoing Mayor</p> <p>(1) said that his second term of office had passed as quickly as when he had been Mayor for the first time. During his year, he and the Mayoress had attended many engagements throughout the Borough and beyond. Special highlights had included the Civic Service in Bottesford, the Freedom of the Borough Parade for HMS Quorn, the Afternoon Tea celebrations for HM The Queens' 90th birthday – and more recently being in the presence of Her Majesty and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at the Royal Maundy Community Lunch in Leicester;</p> <p>(2) referred to his charity appeal fund which was currently standing at nearly £5000 and was expected to close at nearly £6000. Councillor Illingworth then mentioned a pledge he had made to the Mayor to donate a sum when embarking on a weight loss regime. In that regard, Councillor Illingworth presented the Outgoing Mayor with a cheque for £250 towards his appeal and with his Melton Lions hat on, Councillor Illingworth said a further cheque would be presented from the proceeds of the sponsorship raised by this year's Swimathon event.</p> <p>(3) concluded by thanking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors, Officers and staff for their support; • The Mayor's Cadet, Cadet Corporal Samuel Page and the various local ministers who had assisted at civic events and given prayers at Full Council meetings; • Chief Executive, Mrs Lynn Aisbett. The Mayor referred to this being the last annual meeting of the council before Mrs Aisbett retired and as a special thank you he presented her with a bouquet of flowers; • The civic officer, Mrs Lena Shuttlewood whom the Mayor then presented with a bouquet of flowers and expressed his appreciation for her professionalism and ensuring that the civic year had run smoothly; • The Mayoress, Mrs Maureen Wright, for her support and dedication to the role.
CO3	<p>ELECTION OF MAYOR</p> <p>Councillor Graham proposed that Councillor Bains be elected Mayor of the Borough until the Annual Meeting in 2018. In support of his nomination for Councillor Bains, Councillor Graham recalled the first annual meeting he had</p>

attended at which the late Bernard Ludwig had been invested as Mayor; the role, he said, was very varied and how the person conducted themselves reflected on how the Borough as a whole was seen. The secret to being a good Mayor was enthusiasm and Councillor Bains had demonstrated such unadulterated enthusiasm to date that it was obvious he was determined to enjoy every aspect of the role. Councillor Graham commended Councillor Bains' parents for the start they had given him in life and was sure he had repaid them tonight by making them very proud.

Councillor Posnett seconded the nomination and briefly spoke on Councillor Bains' qualities and energy he would bring to the role. Councillor Posnett referred to Councillor Bains being the youngest Mayor the Council had elected but said that he knew exactly what he wanted to achieve and how to do it. It was wonderful to see him supported by his friends and family and speaking as a past Mayor herself, said he would enjoy the year as it would leave him with memories that would last a lifetime.

On the motion being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED that Councillor Bains be elected Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2018.

CO4

INVESTITURE OF MAYOR AND MAYORESS/CONSORT

Councillor Bains read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Wright invested Councillor Bains with the Chain of Office.

The Mayoress then invested Mrs Rajbinder Bains with the Mayoress Chain of Office.

(The new Mayor, Councillor Bains, in the Chair.)

Councillor Bains thanked his proposer and seconder for nominating him and

- thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress for the excellent job they had done in representing the Borough and for being a source of guidance for him;
- thanked Councillors Graham and Posnett for nominating and seconding him
- gave a special thank you to Councillor Greenow. Councillor Bains also thanked Councillor Posnett for her year as Leader of the Council;;
- referred to the large number of family, friends and colleagues present to witness his investiture, paying particular tribute to his parents, grandparents and siblings;
- thanked Professor and Mrs Sharma, immediate past High Sheriff of Leicestershire and his wife, for attending tonight whom he saw as great role models;
- said he had challenged himself to become the Borough's first Asian Mayor and acknowledged that to become the first of anything was difficult. However, he

	<p>would endeavour to put his all into being the best Mayor he could be and build on the legacy of previous Mayors;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paid tribute to his late grandfather who would have been proud to have been at the meeting tonight and to the late Councillor Valerie Manderson for her warmth and kindness; • announced that this chosen Mayoral charities would be the LOROS Hospice and the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society – East and West Midlands. As a member of the Melton Mowbray Round Table he was keen to look into fund raising activities.
CO5	<p>VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR AND CONSORT</p> <p>Councillor Graham proposed a vote of thanks for the retiring Mayor and Consort. Both Councillor Wright and Mrs Wright had carried out their roles with dignity and, had planned their year immaculately.</p> <p>Councillor Posnett seconded the vote of thanks commending them for being excellent ambassadors for the Borough of Melton. She endorsed Councillor Graham’s remarks about how Councillor Wright had ensured everything had run like clockwork and attributed this to the support and organisational abilities of the Mayoress and Mrs Shuttlewood.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that a vote of thanks be recorded for the retiring Mayor and Mayoress..</p>
CO6	<p>ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR</p> <p>Councillor Holmes proposed that Councillor Chandler be elected Deputy Mayor for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2018. In so doing, Councillor Holmes spoke about Councillor Chandler’s background, upbringing and her interests. Councillor Chandler had served on the Bottesford Parish Council for many years as well as representing the ward of Bottesford on the Borough Council. Councillor Holmes paid tribute to Councillor Chandler’s hard work stating that she was always thoroughly prepared and went the extra mile in her work for residents and the Council. She made an excellent candidate for Deputy Mayor.</p> <p>The proposal was seconded by Councillor Baguley who said Councillor Chandler worked hard for the Council and she was delighted to support her nomination.</p> <p>Upon being put to the vote, the proposal was carried unanimously.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED</u> that Councillor Chandler be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Melton for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2018</p>
CO7	<p>INVESTITURE OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYORESS/CONSORT</p> <p>(a) Councillor Chandler read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p> <p>Councillor Bains then invested Councillor Chandler with the Deputy Mayor’s Chain of Office.</p>

(b) Councillor Chandler gave thanks for her election and thanked her proposer and seconder for their nomination. She referred to the Mayor being one of youngest Members and herself as one of the oldest but said this would be a good blend and she looked forward to the year ahead.

CO8

ELECTION OF LEADER

Councillor Pearson proposed that Councillor Orson be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2018. In so doing, Councillor Pearson commented on the exciting and challenging times facing the Council. He said that Councillor Orson was very inclusive, fair and competent and would lead the Council through this change into the future.

Councillor Simpson seconded the proposal

On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

RESOLVED that Councillor Orson be appointed Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2018.

CO9

LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader thanked everyone for electing him and congratulated Councillor Bains and Mrs Bains on their investiture expressing confidence that Councillor Bains would carry out the role with dignity, but also with a sense of fun. He also congratulated Councillor Chandler and hoped she would find the role of Deputy Mayor both enjoyable and rewarding.

In his report, Councillor Orson

(a) stated he was no longer a member of the County Council's Cabinet so that he could fully devote his time to the role of Leader of Melton Borough Council and also avoid any potential conflicts of interests;

(b) welcomed Councillors Freer-Jones and Faulkner back to the Council;

(c) referred to his interest in the theory of team sport and explain how this could be applied to the ethos of the Council;

(d) explained he had two equal key priorities for the Council; one was the completion of the Melton Local Plan and the second was the Melton bypass. In relation to the Local Plan, the consultation had resulted on recommendations on the way forward and this would be debated soon by the Council, The bypass scheme was moving apace; surveyors were on site on the eastern side of the town and landowners had received letters from the County Council. He commended the local MP, Sir Alan Duncan, for his help in moving the project forward. As 4,000 new homes would be needed to help fund the scheme, it was vital the final Local Plan was deemed sound;

	<p>(e) reported on a number of the Council’s other major schemes: phase 1 of the Cattle Market redevelopment was moving to the next stage with a ‘soft opening’ the following week. Phase 2 of the scheme was also progressing and funders were looking sympathetically at it. The re-tendering of the kerbside collection service had attracted healthy competition from contractors. The Leisure Vision was at a crucial and exciting stage now;</p> <p>(f) acknowledged the financial challenges facing the Council which meant that it needed to step up its commercialisation agenda. The appointment of a new Chief Executive would be decided soon and advised that he intended to remodel the structure of the authority working with the new appointee;</p> <p>(g) advised on his proposal to rename the Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee by dropping the word ‘rural’ so that it sounded more inclusive. This would be referred to the next meeting of the Council for discussion;</p> <p>(h) concluded by referring to his previous representation on the council for both the rural and town areas, urging all Members to work together for “Team Melton” and deliver on the promises made by the Council.</p>
CO10	<p>ELECTION OF DEPUTY LEADER Councillor Sheldon proposed that Councillor Higgins be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council.</p> <p>Councillor Beaken seconded the proposal.</p> <p>On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Councillor Higgins be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the period until the Annual Meeting in 2018.</p>
CO11	<p>APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION The Chief Executive reported that as a result of the Council’s political balance following the result of the two by-elections held on 4 May 2017, and notification received from the two Single Councillors, there was no Leader of the Opposition .</p>
CO12	<p>NEW MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Mayor</p> <p>(a) reiterated details of his chosen charities and that he would be looking at fund raising events to support them;</p> <p>(b) referred to a number of his first engagements;</p> <p>(c) asked Members to note the following dates for key civic events:</p> <p>Fly the Flag for Armed Forces Day – 19 June 2017</p>

Civic Dinner – 17 November 2017
 Carols by Candlelight Service – 14 December 2017
 Civic Service at St Mary’s Parish Church – 4 March 2018

CO13 ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSONS AND CONSULTEES, MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PARTNERSHIPS, WORKING GROUPS, OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF LEAD MEMBERS

Members had before them the Chief Executive’s report with the appendices tabled at the meeting which asked the Council to note the allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) and receive nominations of Councillors to serve on each Committee and the Sub-Committees as well as the Conservative Group’s Committee Spokespersons and Consultees, appointments of Chairs and Vice Chairs, Forums, Partnerships, Working Groups, Outside Organisations and Lead Members for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2018.

Councillor Wyatt withdrew his nomination for lead Member for Arts/Heritage.

RESOLVED that

(1) the political balance percentages and number of seats allocated to each political group as set out in the table below be noted :-

2017-18	APP	CSA	GOV	PFA	PLNG	REEA	TOTAL
Conservative	4 (4.64%)	9 (9.28%)	9 (9.28%)	9 (9.28%)	10 (10.21%)	10 (10.21%)	51
Single Cllr Ind	tbc (0.18%)	tbc (0.36%)	tbc (0.36%)	tbc (0.36%)	tbc (0.39%)	tbc (0.39%)	3
Single Cllr Lab	tbc (0.18%)	tbc (0.36%)	tbc (0.36%)	tbc (0.36%)	tbc (0.39%)	tbc (0.39%)	3
Totals	5	10	10	10	11	11	57

(2) the allocation of Councillors to each Committee and Sub-Committee as set out below and the nominations as submitted by the Conservative Group Leader for the period to the Annual Meeting in 2018 be as follows :-

Political balance required:

Committee	Appointments 2017 18	Substitutes 2017 18
Appeals 5 Members	Conservative P. Cumbers M.C.R. Graham MBE (C) J. Hurrell	Conservative P. Baguley G.E. Botterill

Political Balance Required 4 Conservative 1 Single Cllr Substitutes 2 Conservative	S. Lumley Single Cllr E. Holmes	
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Committee	Appointments 2017 18	Substitutes 2017 18
Community & Social Affairs 10 Members Political Balance Required 9 Conservative 1 Single Cllr Substitutes 4 Conservative	Conservative T. Beaken P.M. Chandler R. de Burle (VC) A. Freer-Jones S. Lumley A. Pearson (C) P.M. Posnett M.R. Sheldon D. Wright Single Cllr M. Blase	Conservative M. Glancy L. Higgins E. Hutchison
Governance 10 Members inc Equalities Lead Member Political Balance Required 9 Conservative 1 Single Cllr Substitutes 4 Conservative	Conservative P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers (C) J. Douglas P. Faulkner T. Beaken J. Illingworth J.B. Rhodes P. Posnett J. Simpson (VC) Single Cllr M. Blase	Conservative M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow

Committee	Appointments 2017 18	Substitutes 2017 18
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<p>Planning</p> <p>11 Members</p> <p>Political Balance Required 10 Conservative 1 Single Cllr</p> <p>Substitutes 4 Conservative</p>	<p>Conservative P. Baguley G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers P. Faulkner M. Glancy T. Greenow J. Illingworth (C) P. Posnett (VC) J. Wyatt</p> <p>Single Cllr E. Holmes</p>	<p>Conservative L. Higgins A. Pearson J.B. Rhodes</p>
<p>Policy, Finance & Administration</p> <p>10 Members</p> <p>Political Balance Required 9 Conservative 1 Single Cllr</p> <p>Substitutes 4 Conservative</p>	<p>Conservative P. Cumbers R. de Burle M. Glancy L. Higgins (VC) E. Hutchison A. Pearson J. T. Orson (C) J.B. Rhodes J. Wyatt</p> <p>Single Cllr E. Holmes</p>	<p>Conservative P.M. Chandler M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow</p>
<p><i>Rural, Economic and Environmental Affairs</i></p> <p>11 Members</p> <p>Political Balance Required 10 Conservative 1 Single Cllr</p> <p>Substitutes 4 Conservative</p>	<p>Conservative T. Beaken G.E. Botterill R. de Burle M.C.R. Graham MBE L. Higgins E. Hutchison (VC) M. Glancy J.B Rhodes M.R. Sheldon (C) J. Simpson</p> <p>Single Cllr M. Blase</p>	<p>Conservative A. Freer-Jones J. T. Orson J. Illingworth J. Wyatt</p>

Committee	Appointments 2017 18	Substitutes 2017 18
<p><i>Town Area</i></p> <p>All Town Councillors</p> <p>Political Balance Not applicable</p> <p>Substitutes Not applicable</p>	<p>Town Members</p> <p>M. Glancy (C) S Lumley (VC)</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Licensing & Regulatory</p> <p>10 Members</p> <p>Political Balance Not required</p> <p>Substitutes 4 Conservative</p> <p>3 out of any of the 10 Members may take part in Licensing Sub Committees and Licensing Panels</p>	<p>Conservative P. Baguley (VC) P. Cumbers J. Douglas A. Freer-Jones T. Greenow D. Wright J. Hurrell J. Simpson J. Wyatt (C)</p> <p>Single Cllr E. Holmes</p>	<p>Conservative L. Higgins M. Sheldon</p>

NB: The Licensing & Regulatory Committee is not required to be politically balanced

Governance Sub Committees 1 and 2

Sub-Committee	Appointments 2017 18	Substitutes 2017 18
<p>Governance Sub-Committee 1</p> <p>5 Members</p>	<p>Conservative T. Beaken P.M. Chandler J. Douglas J. Simpson (C)</p>	<p>Conservative J. B. Rhodes M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow</p>

Political Balance Required 4 Conservative 1 Single Cllr Substitutes Same as Parent Cttee	Single Cllr (same as Parent Cttee) M. Blase	
Governance Sub-Committee 2 5 Members Political Balance Required 4 Conservative 1 Single Cllr Substitutes Same as Parent Cttee	Conservative P. Cumbers (C) P. Faulkner J. Illingworth P. M. Posnett Single Cllr (same as Parent Cttee) M. Blase	Conservative J. B. Rhodes M.C.R. Graham MBE T. Greenow

Policy, Finance & Administration Sub Committee

To confirm the existing membership of the Sub Committee which completes its terms of reference with the recommendation of the appointment of the new Chief Executive:

Sub-Committee	Appointments 2017 18	Substitutes 2017 18
PFA Sub-Committee	Conservative M.C.R. Graham MBE	Conservative -

7 Members Political Balance Required 6 Conservative 1 Single Cllr Substitutes Same as Parent Cttee	T. Greenow L. Higgins (VC) J. Illingworth J.T. Orson (C) P.M. Posnett Single Cllr E. Holmes	
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(3) the following be appointed as the Committee Spokespersons/Consultees 2017/18:

Committee	<i>Administration</i>
	2017 18
Community & Social Affairs	A. Pearson
Governance	P. Cumbers
Licensing & Regulatory	J. Wyatt
Planning	J. Illingworth
Policy, Finance & Administration	J.T. Orson
Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs	M.R. Sheldon

(4) the following be appointed as the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees and the Sub-Committees until the Annual Meeting in 2018 :-

Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
	2017 18	2017 18
Appeals	M.C.R.Graham MBE	-
Community & Social Affairs	A. Pearson	R. de Burle
Governance	P. Cumbers	J. Simpson
Licensing & Regulatory	J. Wyatt	P. Baguley
Planning	J. Illingworth	P.M. Posnett
Policy, Finance & Administration*	J.T. Orson	L. Higgins
Rural, Economic & Environmental Affairs	M.R. Sheldon	E. Hutchison
Town Area Committee	M. Glancy	S. Lumley
Sub-Committee	<i>Chair</i>	
	2017 18	
Governance Sub-Committee 1	J. Simpson	-
Sub-Committee	<i>Chair</i>	
	2017 18	

Governance Sub-Committee 2	P. Cumbers	-
Policy, Finance & Admin Sub Cttee	J.T. Orson	L. Higgins

(5) the following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Working Groups until the Annual Meeting in 2018:-

Working Group	No. of Cllrs	Appointments
Joint Staff Working Group <i>Political Balance required:</i> 6 Conservative 1 Single Cllr	7	Conservative T. Beaken P. Cumbers M.C.R. Graham MBE J. Illingworth S. Lumley P.M. Posnett Single Cllr E. Holmes
Melton Local Plan Working Group <i>Political Balance required:</i> 8 Conservative 1 Single Cllr	9	Conservative P.M. Chandler (C) P. Cumbers M. Glancy J. Illingworth L. Higgins P.M. Posnett J.B. Rhodes J. Simpson Single Cllr M. Blase
Sports, Leisure and Culture Working Group <i>Political Balance required:</i> 8 Conservative 1 Single Cllr	9	Conservative T Beaken (VC) P Chandler R de Burle MCR Graham MBE L Higgins (C) E Hutchison S Lumley A Pearson Single Cllr

		E. Holmes
Tenant Consultative Working Group <i>Political Balance required: 5 Conservative 1 Single Cllr</i>	6	Conservative P.M. Chandler J. Douglas S. Lumley A. Pearson P.M. Posnett Single Cllr M. Blase
Working Group – Not politically balanced		
Planning Enforcement Working Group <i>Political Balance not required</i>	6	Conservative G.E. Botterill P.M. Chandler P. Cumbers J. Illingworth J. Wyatt Single Cllr E. Holmes

(6) The following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Forums and Partnerships until the Annual Meeting in 2018:-

Forums	No. of Cllrs.	Appointments 2017 18
Leicestershire County Council Highway Forum	4	P.M. Chandler E. Holmes S. Lumley J. Wyatt
Seniors' Forum	4	P. Cumbers J. Wyatt
Partnerships	No. of Cllrs.	Appointments 2017 18
Members' Advisory	1	J.T. Orson

Group		
Melton Safer Communities Partnership	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE
Melton Community Partnership	1	J. T. Orson
Welland Partnership Board	2 + 1	J. T. Orson L. Higgins J. Wyatt
Welland Joint Committee	2 + 2 subs	J. T. Orson L. Higgins J. Wyatt

(7) The following be appointed as the Council's representatives on Outside Organisations until the Annual Meeting in 2018 :-

Organisation	No. of Cllrs	Appointments 2017/18
De Montfort University Court	2	Mayor Deputy Mayor
East Midlands Councils Representative	1	J.T. Orson L. Higgins (Sub)
Fairtrade Steering Group	1	P. Cumbers
Friends of Carnegie Museum	1	P. Baguley
Grantham Canal Partnership	1	P.M. Chandler
Homestart Management Committee	1	J. Hurrell
LGA – General Assembly	1	J.T. Orson
Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum	1	J. Wyatt

Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association	1	P.M. Chandler
Melton Business Improvement District (BID)	1	M. Sheldon
Organisation	No. Cllrs	Appointments 2016 17
Melton & Oakham Waterways Local Authority Working Group	1	P. Cumbers
Melton & District Furniture Project	1	P. Cumbers
Melton Young Singles Trust (MYST)	1	T. Greenow
Police and Crime Panel	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE A. Pearson (Sub)
Rural Services Network & SPARSE	1	L. Higgins
Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation	1	M.C.R. Graham MBE

(8) the following be appointed as the Council's Lead Members until the Annual Meeting in 2018:-

Subject area	Detail	Appointments 2017 18
Housing and Communities	Affordable Housing Neighbourhoods	A. Pearson
Economic Development, Waste, Environment, Transport	Economic Development Transport Environment/Waste	J.T. Orson
Subject area	Detail	Appointments 2017 18
People	Youth/Vulnerable	A. Pearson

	People Health Seniors/Older People	
Community Safety		M.C.R. Graham MBE
Resources	Assets Efficiencies Procurement Training/Culture/ Workforce Strategic Finance Risk	J.T. Orson
Planning		J. Illingworth
Regulation		J. Wyatt
Town Centre		M. Glancy
Access		P. Cumbers
Performance Management		J.T. Orson
Armed Forces		S. Lumley
Young People		T. Beaken
Customer Services		J.T. Orson
Twinning		Mayor
Arts/Heritage		E. Holmes
Equalities		J. Douglas

(9) it be noted that political balance is not required for the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

(10) it be noted that in accordance with the political balance rules set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, S15-17 (as amended) political balance is to

be achieved in total across all the Committees and within all individual Committees requiring political balance and to note also that political balance applies to Sub-Committees as required;

(11) it be noted that political balance has been applied to the politically balanced working groups in accordance with the legislation outlined above;

(12) it be noted the principle that where a large group occupies all but one or two seats on the Council, the first rule prohibiting single party Committees takes precedence, and the Council must make one place available for the other Councillor(s) on each Committee/Sub Committee and each politically balanced working group.

[The Strategic Director (KA) here left the meeting.]

CO14

SENIOR MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

At the request of the Policy, Finance & Administration Sub-Committee, the Council was asked to approve recommendations for the interim senior management arrangements until the new Chief Executive was in post. The recommendations contained in the agenda were moved by Councillor Orson and seconded by Councillor Pearson. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED:

(1) That Keith Aubrey, Strategic Director, be recommended to be appointed Acting Head of Paid Service from 31 July 2017 until the new Chief Executive takes up post;

(2) That the Revenue Business Partner, Martyn Bowen be recommended to be Monitoring Officer while Keith Aubrey is Acting Head of Paid Service.

[The Strategic Director ((KA) here returned to the meeting.]

CO15

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/18

A calendar of meetings for the 2017/18 civic year had previously been circulated with the agenda.

The calendar of meetings was proposed by Councillor Orson and seconded by Councillor Pearson.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/18 as circulated with the agenda.

Before closing the meeting, the Mayor invited all present to join him for refreshments at the rear of the civic suite.

The meeting closed at: 8.02 pm

Mayor